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Dear Friend,

As you know, this coming Monday is Memorial Day. As the General Orders establishing Memorial Day first stated: *"If other eyes grow dull, other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us."* Without the sacrifice of countless numbers of American service men and women, we would not enjoy the freedoms we have today. It is important to honor those that have gone before us in defense of America and not to grow dull, slack, or cold in our gratitude to them.



Although the battlefields our military members fight on today are not as visible as the beaches of Omaha or the hills of Gettysburg, the sacrifices and successes of our service members are no less significant. Now more than ever, it is especially important that we do not falter in honoring the sacrifices of those who have served in the Armed Forces and given their lives to keep us safe and free.

On Memorial Day I remember my father, an Army doctor, who landed along the Omaha Beach head shortly after June 6, 1944. He later went on to serve on the front lines at the battle of Saint Lo during some of the fiercest fighting of the Normandy Campaign. For his service in World War II, he was awarded four battle stars and a Purple Heart. I remember others who, unlike my father, did not return to

Second Townhall of 2009!

Date and Time

June 1, 2009
7:00PM to 8:30PM

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50 Natoma Street
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remember others who, unlike my father, did not return to their families.

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On Monday, families will gather, prayers will be said, stories will be told, and flags will be flown in honor of those who fought and died for us. Some will visit memorials, national cemeteries, or the resting place of a loved one. Others will enjoy a cook out with their family to celebrate the freedom and security we have because of the sacrifices of others.

This Memorial Day, you may also consider supporting those who are still in harm's way and their families. [Operation Homefront](#), [America Supports You](#), and [the USO](#) are all good resources if you are looking for a way to encourage and support our troops. Whatever method we choose to honor the fallen this Memorial Day, let us give thanks and praise to all those service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress

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